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AS YOU LIKE IT.

"All the world's a stage. And all the mon and women morely players: They have their exits and their autraness. And one man in his time plays many parts." The part a successful Washingtva feminose man plays is to advertise in The Carrie.

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18TH YEAR--WHOLE NO. 5,420.

WOODWARD & LOTHROP.

FIVE DAYS' CLEARANCE SALE Commencing Saturday, Dec. 26, and continuing Monday, Tuesday, Wednes-

day and Thursday of next week, we shall inaugurate a grand Clearance Sale, or a Five Days' Remnant Sale, which we propose to make unprecedented in the history

of our business.

Our enormous Christmas trade surpassed our most sanguine expectations, and in such a rush it is inevitable that many goods should get disarranged, soiled, crumpled or otherwise disordered, and on all such goods we propose to make unparalleled reductions, marking them at prices destined to make a clean sweep of the stock.

This sale will include everything that can be consistently called a Remnant, such as

Odd lots of Fancy Goods, Plush Cases, Bronzes, etc. Short lengths in Wool

Goods. Short lengths of Silk Fab-

Short lengths of 'Wash Goods.

Odd sizes in Hosiery.

Odd sizes in Gloves. Odd sizes in Underwear.

Odd sizes in Wraps, Jerseys, etc.

Odd sizes in Corsets.

Odd lines in Christmas Goods.

Broken lines of Curtains, In fact, any goods whatso-

ever that may have become disordered, tossed, disarranged, soiled or that can be called a "Remnant."

While the press of business will not allow us to specify any particular items in this issue, we shall each day henceforth enumerate just such goods as may come under our notice at that time, and, as a great many things will necessarily get overlooked, we beg our customers not to wait until the goods are advertised, but come at once and come often, as each succeeding day will note additional attractions for this extraordinary Five Days' "Remnant" or Clearing-up Sale of seasonable stuffs, as each and every department will contribute.

TOSSED AND WRINKLED HANDKERCHIEFS.

Commencing Saturday, Dec. 26, we propose to inaugurate a Grand Clearing-up Sale of odd lots, soiled, broken lines, odd initials and tossed and wrinkled handkerchiefs, and, with a view of closing them out in the smallest possible time, we shall make such reductions as cannot fail to cause their rapid disposal and commend them to the trade as "unparalleled bargains" in fine all-linen handkerchiefs.

For instance, in one line of Ladies' "Initial" Handkerchiefs we have sold all letters excepting O,P and T.

An excellent chance for Miss or Mrs. O, P and T.

In a line of Men's Fine China Silk "Initial" Handkerchiefs we have left only letters A and J.

If Mr. A or Mr. J wants a "bargain," here it is.

WOODWARD & LOTHROP,

Boston Dry Goods House,

ONE PRICE ONLY,

921 Pa. ave. 912 D st.

LANSBURGH & BRO.

This cold weather before Christmas compels people to buy heavy goods if they need them. So, why not buy something that would make a nice present, both for appearance and warmth. There are a good many people up

to this time that have not yet bought presents for those intending to give them to, and a great many people, as late as it is, have not yet decided what to buy. So let us advise you that all this season of the year, with the cold weather that is promised us, nothing would make a more welcome present than a

BLANKET.

We have a large supply on hand, from a very cheap one to a very fine California Blan-We have a 10-4 White Blanket for \$1.00.

We have a 10-4 White Blanket for \$2,25.
This is a very good Blanket for that money, and just reduced from \$2,65. We have a 10-4 White Blanket, for \$3,25. This is a Lamb's Wool Blanket, and has been selling for more money. been selling for more money.

We have a 11-4 Widte Blanket for \$3.50.

This is an elegant heavy blanket.

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We have a 11-4 White Blanket for \$4.00 that has been selling for \$5.00. These have lovely drecian borders.

We have a 11-4 White Blanket for \$5.00.

This is extra heavy and full size in straight stripes and Greeian bordors.

We have a 13-4 White Blanket as low as \$4.00.

This is a rare bargain if you take in consideration the size

We have a 12-4 Lamb's Wool Blanket for We have a few more of those large extra heavy full-sized Blankets that we have been seiling for \$6.00. We have a 12-4 Wool Blanket we are selling

We have a 11-4 California Blanket for \$7,50. A 11-4 California Blanket, extra heavy, for \$9.50. A 12-4 California Blanket for \$9.00. A 12-4 California Blanket, extra heavy, pretty borders, for \$11.00.

A 13-4 California Blanket for A 13-4 California Bianket, extra heavy, for \$15.00. Also California Blanket for \$14.50 that we sold for \$30, and are worth that to day.

BLANKETS FOR THE BABY.

A Crib Blanket for \$1.50. An extra heavy Crib Blanket for \$2,00. An extra large Crib Blanket for \$3,75.

A 12-4 Crib Blanket, very heavy, splendid quality, for \$3.50. Crib Blankets, with Greelan borders, in red or blue, for \$4.00. Embroidered Crib Biankets, the word Baby embroidered in the centre, for \$3.75.

Handsomer Embroldered for \$3.60, 3.50, 4.00, 4.50 and 6.00.

Bed Comforts.

These also make such nice presents. We have them as low as 75c. Full size Red Comforts for \$1.00. Much better for \$1.20, 1.50, 1.75. Turkey Red and Red and Black for \$2.00. Turkey Red Comforts, heavy quilted cen-tre, for \$2.50. Large size heavy Comforts, Turkey Red on one side, Cretonne on the other, for \$2.75.

Satteen Bed Comforts for \$3.75. Plain Pink and Blue Satteen Bed Comforts, heavily quilted, for \$4.25.

Bed Spreads make nice presents. We have some very fine imported Bed Spreads, especially gotton for Christmas presents.

Cloaks. Cloaks.

Buy one of these for a present. If it does not suit the receiver of the present we will exchange it. We have a choice selection of Seal Skin Sacques which we warrant.

KID GLOVES. KID GLOVES.

A real Jouvin Kid Glove, in 4-but., for 68e. These are the genuine Jouvia make, and are worth \$1.75 and \$2.25 a pair. We will promote to exchange these if the size chosen should not prove correct. Gloves make estimable presents.

DHESS ROBES, nicely done up in boxes, snitable for Christmas presents, in different

In Silk and Linen, all conceivable styles and prices nicely done up in fancy boxes. 1.000 different kinds of Brass and Plush articles for Christmas presents.

Books & Cards for Christmas Presents

Take a last look at these. We won't have my after the holidays; selling them out rap Bisque Figures very cheap. Only a limited quantilty of these. You must come at once to make your selections, as these are only sample lots, and sold at less than half of their apple lots, and sold at less than half of their apple. Stacks of all kinds of goods for Christmas resents, we are unable to mention.

LANSBURGH & BRO.,

STRICTLY ONE PRICE.

420-422-424-426 Seventh St. Store open until 10 p. m. this week.

GOVERNMENT GOSSIP.

Rev. Henry Ward Beecher at the White House To-day.

THE CABINET MEETING.

All the Mombers Present But Secretaries Lamar and Whitney.

THE RIGHTS OF SETTLERS.

An Important Decision in a North Pacific Railroad Case.

GENERAL AND PERSONAL.

Colonel Lamont's Daughter Ill.-

Colonel Lamont was not in his office to-day, owing to the illness of his little four-year-old laughter. For the Grant Monument. - Secre ary Bayard bas forwarded to Mayor Grace a ntribution of \$100 toward the Grant Monu-

The Cabinet Meeting.-At the Cabinet neeting to-day all of the members, were present except Secretaries Lamar and Whitney. The former has gone to his old home in Mississippi and the Secretary of the Navy is in New York.

Mr. Cleveland's Callers .-- Among the President's callers to-day were Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, Senators Dolph and Mitchell of Oregon and Van Wyck, Representatives Herbert, Carleton, Perkins, James and ex-Representative Willitts.

Hiness of Judge-Advocate Good sellow.-Major Henry Goodfellow, judge advocate of the Department of the Missouri was stricken with apoplexy while walking or the street in Leavenworth last evening. It is thought that he cannot recover.

An Interesting Episode,-A series of dispatches received by the Secretary of State from Minister Thomas O. Osborn at Buenos Ayres, the last of which is dated October 16, iss4, describes an interesting episode in the nature of a struggle between church and state in the Argentine Republic for the control of the normal schools, a struggle which soon became the dominant issue in national politics, and absorbed much of the attention of the government and the people.

Pay While Out of Service. - Mrs. Nathaniel H. McLean, widow of Lieutenant Colonel McLean, formerly Assistant Adju tant-General, U. S. Army, has made a claim tant-General, U. S. Army, has made a claim for arrears of pay for the time her husband was out of the service—July, 1864, to March, 1875, and demands that the question be referred to the Attorney-General, as Second Comptroller Maynard has refused the claim. Mr. Maynard decisions of the Suprema Court have been adverse in such cases.

A Deserter's Pension.—The Commissioner of Pensions has decided in the case of

A Deserter's Pension.—The Commissioner, of Pensions has decided in the case of an ex-soldier, who left his command when it was approaching the enemy, for which act he was dishonorably discharged, but subsequently re-entered the sorvice as captain, and while in line of duty received the injury for which he claims pension, that the execution of the sentence of his dismissal from the first service was the completion of the punishment of the offense charged, and does not destroy his claim to pension for injury received during the second service.

Decision in a Pension Case.--In the case of the payment of a pension to the mother of a soldier, the former having deeded a portion of her property to a third party for the consideration of a life maintenance of herself and husband, and, it being claimed that this maintenance was not sufficient the Commissioner of Pensions has decided that the sufficiency of the maintenance has nothing to do with the question, but, that this con-tract having expired in September, 1881, and the application for a pension being made in January, the pension should not be granted for the period of non-dependence.

The Bridges at Washington.-Colone eter C. Hains, Corps of Engineers, has made Peter C. Halns, Corps of Engineers, has made an extended and exhaustive report to the Chief Engineers on the Long Bridge and the Aqueduct Bridge, as directed by Congress at the last session. He states that the Long Bridge is a dangerous obstruction to mavigation as well as the cause of the constant filling up of the Virginia channel, and reports that the bridge should be rebuilt with longer spans set parallel with the freshet instead of with the current lines, and on the bed-rock instead of on piling and grillage as now. The bottom chords should also be much higher than now. The Aqueduct Bridge should be rebuilt with a draw and the aqueduct discontinued so that vessels can pass to the head of navigation of the Potomae, as required by the statutes, which is just below Little Falls.

The Rights of Settlers.-In the case of Wm. J. Hamilton vs. the Northern Pacific Rallroad Company, Commissioner Sparks holds that the settlement claim, proven by occupation and improvement, although not placed on record, excepts the land from with drawal, and that the railroad company cannot be heard to attack the settler's qualifications or compliance with law under the public land laws. The principle of this decision is that lands occupied by actual settlers as well as lands held under cialms of record, are excepted from railroad grant and withdrawal, and, being so accepted at the proper time, would not pass to the railroad, even if the settlement claim should afterwards prove to be in any manner defective as against the United States. The question them would be between the original or sabisceptent settler, as the case might be, and the Government can never be made a question between the settler and the railroad company. Wm. J. Hamilton vs. the Northern Pacific

Minor and Personal.

John L. Graves of Missouri has been ap-pointed special timber agent of the Genera and Office.

the Navy Yard to fill a vacamey that has existed for some time.

The contingent expenses of the State Department up to June & amounted to \$15,063 is, exclusive of the diplomatic service. The latter cost \$30,280,290. An item is included in the disbursements of \$15 for a monument to mark the birthplace of George Washington.

Bids were opened in the office of the Supervising Architect of the Treasury for furnishing plaster models for the Castom Rouse building at Lyachburg. Va. Among the bidders were William Buher, V. Bergiam, A. Uretsech, P. Moriam, A. Cailin and J. Juvenal, of this city.

Mr. John A. Bigolow, the newly-appointed assistant treasurer at New York, was officially notified of his appointment vesterday, and was requested to file a bond in the stun of \$80,000 for the fultiful discharge of the duties of that office. It is expected that Mr. Bleelow will relieve Mr. Acton on the 1st proximo. Arrangements are now being made at the Treasury Department for a transfer of the office, which will include a count of the monoys and securities stored in the Sab Treasury. It is probable that a committee will be sent from Washington to conduct the count.

PERSONAL MENTION. Jottings of Interest About People Who

Are Well Known Here. -Mn. Ann Mns. John W. Albaren are h Philadelphia visiting their son, John Albangh who is a member of Lawrence Barrett's com 5 Assistant Signerany Surve of the Tecasury Department and Doorkeeper (Dunelson of the Home of Representatives were registered yesterday in New York.)

"Harvery M. Warrimson of Louisville, Ky, in. McCreery of Pittsburg, and John G. W. avons and Salon Stewart of Port Clark, exas, are at the Robitt. —Majon Die Roott.

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Senasce of the Treasury Uspartment is preparing some of his sems for publication in book form. The clume will be issued in New York city next larch.

March.

-LEUTERANT CHAPMAN C. Tono, U. S. Navy, arrived here last night with his wife and child from his home at Frankfort, Ky. Lieutenant Todd, who is the grandson of the late Hon, John J. Crittenden of Kentucky, recently returned from Europe, where he had been on duty on the Kearsarge.

HOLIDAY POLITICS.

lessip About Senator Beck's Attack on the Administration.

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore American sury, concerning Senator Beck's recent attack on the President's silver policy: "Wanted—a leader in the Senata," is the sign now displayed by the Administration. The talk that the President has not read sena-tor Beck" on shaught on him, and what is fur-ther, does not care about it, is all talk, for the fact is the President has not only thought of the matter, but is looking away for the matter, but is looking around for some one to champion his views in the Senate. Within the hast forty-eight hours he expressed to a visitor—a firm and leading between the dismay and chaggin at finding himself without a single man to speak for him in the Senate, especially on the silver question. Beek was supposed to have been the man to load the Democrats, but his attack has bewildered hem. Voorhees is thought to be sulking: Harris comes from the part of the country favorable to silver, and the others have not the making of leaders. Those on whom he has beaped favora are useless to him. Chaveland begins now to see that a politician, a man able to pull wires, does not possess all the remaining how to see that a politician, a man able to pull wires, does not possess all the remaining needed in a Senator.

With such an array as Logan, Edmunds, Sperman, Ingalls, Hoar, Hale, Fryc, Evaris, Tellor, Hawley, Dawes, Allison, Morrill, and fact, almost all the liepallician side against them, what can Cockrell, who showed how fit he was to lead by his liquor speech last weak, or Ransom, Vest, Maxey, Gorman, Kenna, Ruffer, or any other of the Democrats do against the array on the Republican side, oven if they were sitogether? But, alast the President sees them fighting him when Congress is yet but two weeks off. Emsta has de-lared against him; Beek arraigns him and others are waiting their elames to knife his nominations in secret session. That this latter is true, is shown by the advance made by a promitted remocratic Senator to a Republican only a percentage of the memocratic Senator to a Republican only a percentage of the memocratic Senator to a Republican only a percentage of the memocratic Senator to a Republican only a percentage of the memocratic Senator to a Republican only a percentage and the series of the senator to a Republican only a percentage and the series of the ser he matter, but is looking around for some waiting their chance to knife his nominations in servet session. That this latter is true, is shown by the advance made by a prominent Democratic Senator to a Republish only a few days and, with the offer to farnish him which pienly of data to high certain of the Fresdeni's nominations. "I cannot do it openly," said the Democratic Senator, "but I'll give your side all the evidence you want against the men scut in."

THE ARMY AND NAVY.

Orders, Details, Leaves, Furloughs and

Orders, Details, Leaves, Furloughs and Other Matters of Interest.

First Lieutenant Lorenzo Wesley Cooke, Third Infantry, is being tried by court-martial at Fort Ellis, Montana.

Lieutenant Abraham P. Buffington, Soventh Infantry, has gone to his home at Derby, lowa, from Fort Leavenworth to spent the holidays.

Lieutenant-Colonel John Green, Sesond Cavalry, has returned to Fort Bolse, Lisho, from temporary duty at Fort Walla-Walla, Washington Territory.

It is reported from Elizabethfown, Ky., that Leatenant, staines A. Goodin, Seventa Lafantry, who has been very dangerously fill at his boxe there, is now improving.

First Lieutenant Wm. H. Wheeler, Eleventh Infantry, has been acquitted by general court-martial at Fort Bufort, Dakota, of the charge of disrespect to Capitaln George K. Sanderson, Eleventh Infantry,

General Chauncey McKeover, Heutenant.

Eleventh Infantry.

General Chauncey McKeover, Heuterantcolonic and assistant adjutant-general, reported in person to Major-General Pope at
San Francisco December H, and was formally
amounced as Adjutant-General of the Dividon of the Pacific and the Department of Callforms. A board of officers convened at Fort Bowle

Arizona.

Army Leaves Granted—Captain Thomas Wilhelm, Eighth Infantry, Fort Bidwell, California, two months with permission to apply for two months' extension; Captain George A. Drew, Third Cavalry, Fort Eiliott, one month, to take effect early in January; First Lieutemant Curtis B. Hoppin, Second Cavalry, Fort Spokane, Washington Territory, two months. tory, two months.

Army Furloughs Authorized—Sergeaut Elwin F Terry, company G. Twenty-third Infantry, Fort Wayne, Detroit, four months,
after re-enlistment. First Sergeant August
C. Deimel, company F. Kineteenth infantry,
Fort Clark, Texas, four months, after re-enlistment. Sergeant Daniel Verrips, company
B. Sixth Infantry, Fort Douglas, Salt Lake
City, four months, after re-enlistment. Private
John Crampton, company B. Fifth Infantry,
Fort Keegh, Montana, four mouths, after recullatment.

Army Courts-Martial—The court at Fort Buford, Dakota, of which Major John H. Page, Rieventh Infantry, was president has been lessolved. Convened December 21, at San Intonio, Texas, Lieutenant-Colonol Nelson B. Sweitzer, Eighth Cavairy, president Sweltzer. Eighth Cavalry, president, and Lieutenant David J. Bumbough, Third Artil-lery, ludge-advocate. To convene De-sember 25, at Fort Brown, Texas, Captain James H. Bradford, Nineteenth Infantry, president, and First Lieutenant Charles M. O'Connor, Eighth Cavalry, Judge-advocate.

Mr. Beecher at the White House. Rev. Henry Ward Beccher's well-known signature was found on the register of Will-ard's Hotel this morning, the eminent divine ard's Hotel this morning, the eminent divine having arrived by the New York express. After he had partaken of breakfast he inquired about the time whem Colonel Lamont would probably appear in his office, and then wended his way over to the White House to see the private, secretary of the President. He was attired in a slouch hat and a big uister. He said that his visit was purely personal, and that he had no object in calling on the President other than a desire to pay his respects. When the chergyman left the White House he carried under his arm a choice erayon presented by Mr. Cleveland as a Christmas memento. Mr. Heecher is looking well. His visit will be a brief one, as he returns to Brooklyn this evening and will partake of the Christmas turkey at his own cheerful table.

Senator Blair's Temperance Bill. An organized effort is to be made by the temperance people of this city to secure the passage of Schater Blair's bill providing for instruction in the public schools as to the effects produced upon the human system by alcoholic drinks.

DISTRICT GOVERNMENT NEWS. Matters Under Consideration by the Commissioners.

Herekiah Sipe, jr. of 400 R street, has pro-tested to the Commissioners against the grant-ing of a bar-room license to any person in his neighborhood. negatormost.

Commissioner Webb took up his quarters
in the front room with the Commissioner,
yesterday, and the Building Inspector re
moved to the office left by Mr. Webb.

The Commissioners have appointed W. E. Morgan a temporary clerk in the Assessor's effice to aid in preparing books, etc., for the east assessment, at a compensation of \$100 or month.

per month.

Commissioners bydecker and Webb and Rubding Inspector Entwisis examined the new addition to the Stoyens School building on Twenty-first street, between K and L streets, vesterday and approved it. The new rooms, six in number, will be completed about January I next.

The Commissioners have rejected the offer of Mr. J. T. Cullinane, offering to pay the cost of erecting a gas-imp on Sixti street, between H and I streets southwest. They say that there are many parts of the city in greater need of light, and for which the appropriation for lamps is inadequate.

The School Board has sent the Bastriet Components. progration for lamps is inadequate.

The School Board has sent the District Commissioners the following resolution adopted at their last meeting:

"Resolved, That the schedule of salaries fixed by this board of school trustoes is in the main an equitable one and not excessive, and the schools will be injured by any reduction of these squaries. The amount required to make up the debeloncy for the present year will not excess? Soko, and it is recommended that the formulasioners ask Congress to appropriate the same."

CITY HALL NOTES. News Gleaned from the Court Records by "Crittle" Reporters. The Jurors of the Criminal Court have been discharged until Menday next.

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Justice Hagner vesterday dismissed the potition of John H. Merriman for divorses from Delia Merriman. This is the second dismissal.

Marriage licenses have been issued as follows: N. S. Violate and Lincy J. Blackley, both of Cliften, Va.; John M. Tracey of Baltimore, Md., and Cora M. Barnes of this city: A Schoemhaker and Modile E. Harte, F. L. Dadson and Mattle E. Williams; D. W. Oyster and Mary A. Markiter; C. C. Lawson and Adles Nerwood, both of Montgomery County, Md.; R. C. Feall and Sallie E. Beall, Both of Montgomery County, Md.; George T. Reed and Annie E. Coonwell, both of Prince William County, Va.; R. W. Both dexter and Cornella Jones, both of George-town, D. C.; John Proctor and Jame Banks; H. A. Pawell of Carrol County, Md. and Luella Cellins of Howard County, Md. and Luella Cellins of Howard County William Gerties Humes; John B. Johnson and Annie E. Blackiston; John B. Johnson and Annie E. Blackiston; John B. Honson and Annie E. Blackiston; John B. Honson and Luel Luly Baumgardner of Alexandria, Va.; Allen Watson and Charlotte Beasley.

ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

Preparations For the Coming Festival on Every Hand.

GOOD WEATHER PREDICTED. The Rush For Holiday Goods Continues

Unabated. CHRISTMAS AT THE HOTELS.

To-morrow Morning. HAPPY SCHOOL CHILDREN.

The President to Attend Religious Sorvices

Elaborate Arrangements For the Distribution of Christmas Charities.

The hands of the clock, it will be dottees in our pleture to-day, points to the mysterious hour of midnight. It is 12 m by the clock and Santa Claus has himself taken elock and Savra Claims has himself lawn into consideration the amenities of the oc-casion by being on time and as jocund as ever. His jollity is most aptly demonstrated by his willinguess to hand out from his



"THE SIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS," traveling basket good things for all. The observer will notice that he is neither disonserver win notice that he is neither dis-mayed by the size nor the number of stock-ings with which he is confronted. There is an amiable and wide-spreading smile on his face, which shows that he is equal to the present or any other occasion that may come within his line of duty.

The good people of Washington in every suber of life and in every position, from the

sphere of life and in every position, from the highest to the lowest, are manifesting a dis-position to do everything in their power to contribute to the happiness of the great holi-day. The Signal Corps claims to have made special arrangements for cold, clear, Christnas weather, of the most approved descripnoney to the employes, and the Chief Execu tive has done his part in ordering the closing of the Departments at noon to-ray to let the clerks do their shopping.

THE ROLIDAY TRADE. The tradesmen of the city have met their obligations by furnishing in wonderful profusion Christmas goods of every kind. The markete are stocked with every delicacy and substantial viand. The store windows and the promendes present the cheerlest Christmas appearance.

CHRISTMAS CHARS.

mas appearance.

CHISTMAS CHIMES.

Professor Widdows has arranged to welcome the advent of Christmas at 6 o'clock in the morning with the following glad music from the chimes in the Metropolitan Church spire:

I. doy Hells (Cxford chances); 2. doy to the World Antibede; 3. Ave Marie Schubert); 4. Carol, Carol Christians; 5. Gloria in Excelsis chant No. 2); 6. Old English Kmas Carol; 7. Beantiful Day; 8. Sweet Violets; 9. Adeste Fideles; 10. The Vaeant Chair; 11. The Mistletoe Bough; 12. Old Folks at Home; 13. Shout the Glad Tidings; 14. Home, Sweet Home.

The public school's began their Christmas holidays to-day and during the latter part of the day the business affects were througed with the liberated children. The express companies have strengled manually to keep face with the times and meet the great domands upon them. The Adams Express Company reports the collection and delicery of parcels, packages and loves to be greatly in excess of that of previous years and the falltimer & oldo Express Company finds its resources severely taxed by the immense incoming and outgoing freights.

The estimate seems to be generally endorsed that the statistics of purchase and sales of freight cent out and freight received would show the present Christmas to be observed with at least twenty-five per cent, more liberality then Christmas 1984. The indications all point to greater prosperity.

CHISTMAS CHARITES.

CHRISTMAN CHARGETES. The arrangements for Christmas charities have never been more complete. In addition to the generous and energetic efforts of the Christmas Chin hearly all the churches provide Christmas dinners for the poor of their parishes, and many behavolent citizens are making liberal provision for the wants of the poor.

THE PRESIDENT'S CHRISTNAS. The Preddent is expected to begin his Christmas in good season by attending the fastival of the Sanday School of the First Presbyterian Church this evening. The feature of the occasion will be a Christmas cautain entitled "The Night of Glory; or The Birth of Christ." Professor Widdows will amount his music on a chime of silver beins. After the capital affect will be a distribution from the Christmas tree. To morrow he will attend the capital affect will be a distribution from the Christmas tree. To morrow he will attend the professor will be the sanday and spend most of the day quickly at the White Hogse. THE "PATHERLAND" PERTYAL

day quietly at the winte House,

The "Fatheritania School with the Sanday school children for this your was begin he might, when the scholars of the English surday-school of the Church of the Fatherian had their Christmas bestvait. The front of the church with over greens, wreaths queliciting golden stars an several transparencies bearing approprial Christmas Insertitions, all producing a view appy effect. A programme of sixteen part was rendered, the scholars acquitting them extremely exceptably. The schooling schools are the property of the scholars acquitting them extremely of Christmas," reclutors by Gheen White and her attenduats, "som thing to De," "Christmas Day," "In your lear," "Aud Lang Syne," What can I do, "Christmas Lotter," "Hark the Teamping of an Army," etc. An interesting feature of the programme was the impursemation of &r Kingle by Mr. M. E. May.

When he urrived the children went wis with delight. He was attreed in a long, while mantic, a three cornered had on his boat, an a backet thrown over his back with a children went to the children with the children went with the continuous control of the children went with the children went wi

The several divisions of the City Postoffice will be kept open for the transaction of business for the public to-morrow until mean. At that hour the Registry and Money Order divisions will be closed to the public at the main office and at the several branch starious. A delivery by carriers will be made at 7:30 a. m., with the usual collections for that hour. The collections for the afternoon will be same as THE CITY POSTOFFICE.

anally made on Sundays. The carriers' wholes will be open from 6 to 7 p. m.
A trombent feature of the prescut Christ-nus season is the recival of the juvenile horn-dowing carnival, which has been in a decline or some years, owing to a look of possible agree-certation of the traditional outsom—or to the

or semicycars, owing to a new or provide of the resistation of the police.

The appearance of the rallway stations yes endry and to day indicated that a great many crosses whose resistences are in other offices are going home for Christmas, but the number was not greater than usual. Congressions are going home for Christmas, but the number was not greater than usual. Congressions the control of which find other places more attractive than the hardsonal Capital at Christmas time. Christmas entertainments have been provided at the asylings and other inefficients and latt the day will be observed by better, fare and some semblance of festivity.

The patrons and frheads of the Gorman Orphan Asylina will yell that institution next bonday and distribute the presents received for their little wards.

The Germania Magenercher will treat its invenile irlends on Smitasy evening to a distribution of Christmas presents.

MUSIC IN THE CHURCHES. *

The Programmes to be Rendered at Some of the Places of Worship. The following are among the programme f music to be rendered to morrow at the burches of the city:

Fr. Paul's Lutheran Church, services a a. m., the music will be as follows: pening anthem, "There were Shephords hant, 'Our Father" Myer hant, "Our Father" Cyrle Gregorian Gregorian Gregorian Offertory, "Hall the Night, Hall the Morn Stock losing anthem, "Hark, the Herald Augst-The choir will be composed of the follow

log:
Soprani — Misses Emma Stokes, Annie Ourand, Laura Zeh; alti — Misses Chara Meyers, Eululio Bobles; Ignori — Messra, Eululio Bomer, Saidio Stokes; Ignori — Messra, George Math, Charles Meyers; basal — Messra, S. C. Stokes, M. B. Domer, Miss Annie Ourand will be the organist.

St. Parm & Guurali,
The choir will sing at the 5 o'clock mass; Twelfth Messra.

O Salutaris". Gounou Thantim Ergo" the choir will be: Sorraul—Miss Florence Davies Mrs. Combs, Mbsos Muid, Daley, Vandoren, Columbis, Bail, Howart and O'Rourke; alit—Misses Agnes Walsh and Mrs. Brant; Ienori—Messrs, F. Fennele and G. Maxwell; bassl—Messrs, M. Koceking, B. A. Ryan and C. Kearney. The organist will be Miss L. Boone. At the 11 o'clock mass Professor Anton Gloctzner will preside at the organ.

CHRISTMAS AT THE HOTELS,

xtraordinary Proparations for the Entertainment of Guests.
The leading hotels of the city will appear ost bountiful feasts for their guests to more ow, and with searcely an exception the sens cards will be both artistic and beautiul. In some cases most novel designs will be put at the plates of the guests. At Wil-ard's the number of guests in the house tolard's the number of guests in the bouse today is twenty-five more than on the correspending day of fast year, some of the Contreeslonal guests having decided to remain
bere during the helidays. They will be handsomely entertained.

At the Ebblit the first is equal to the usual
standard for this senson of the year. The
meant carris have been getten up with special care, the design being an original one
and most appropriate. There are a great
many of the army and navy folks at the
Ebblit, including ladies and children.

The Eiges House has a large list of permanent guests, and the most of them, our
including the concressing, will enjoy tomorrow the splendid repast that is being
provided.

The Arlington has its full quota of guests neluding some of the representatives of for-cian governments, and the Christmus feast will be all that is calculated to please an epi-

are.
Wormley's and Wolcker's will not be behind
my of the uptown hosterries in making extra
reparations, and their guests are fully equal
n number to the usual list at this time of the In number to the usual list at this time of the year.

At the down-town hotels, Christinas will be enjoyed to the fullest extent. The Metropolitan and National both have numerous guests from the far South and West, techning entire amilies who will not go home, but remain here and partake of the good things that their landlords will provide so lavishly. The Hamilton, Belvedere, Harris, House, Chamberlints, St., James, and in fact all the public places for the entertainment of mankind are bestirring themselves. Turkeys and other "tame birds" that cheer the festive board at this time of the year are not only plentiful, but comparatively cheap, and the markets fairly teem with luxuries of all kinds.

THE CHILDREN'S DINNER. Distributing the Tickets to the Christmas Club's Feast.

The tickets of admission to the Christmas Club dinner, which is to be given at the Na-tional Rifles, Armory next Monday afternoon, which were given to Licutenant Creer of the South Washington police precinct for distributten, have all been disposed of to the poor children of that section. Each officer of the command was furnished with five flects to dispose of among those cases on his heat when he thought deserving, while the greater number of the flekets were issued from the station to those whom applied.

STILL A MYSTERY. The Sudden Disappearance of P. H.

Haviland, the Miller. The sudden disappearance of Philip Havi mystery, as no trace has been found of him Sheriff Miller of Rockville was in this city to-day and brought with him a stone found near the place where the oversoat of the missing man was found. The stone is supposed to have blood stains on it. It has been submit ted to District Chemist De Smedt for analysis s to whether the marks were caused b

ort.
Major Dye states that from the facts learned by him, it can only be a case of murder or in by him, it can only be a case of murder or in-sanity. As to the statement that the corpse had been sold to a medical college, Debective Block, who has been working on the case, asys that there is no truth in the statement, for thereason that no medical college would be a mutilated corpse, particularly whom they know the person was murdered and the nurderer at large. The police authorities began the search of Rock Creek in hopes of finding some clus to be mystery. The country people, who may

Large Shipments of Gold. Naw Youn, Dec. 24.—The shipments of gold day will be \$500,000 by Brown Brothers of Co. per the steamer Adricatic, and \$100,000 by similize & Ruckgaber, per the Suevia. The gold was reincred from the usuary office yea-terday. Except \$100,000 packed for J. K. Todi & Co., which will be forwarded probably by the Alaska next Thoeday, the assay office his-reculved no orders for other shipments. The entes of foreign exchange wear, somewhat onder pesteating owing it was said, for better apply of bills. The actual rates, however, did not full much below the specie exporting of his.

Closing of Coshocton Iron Works Cosmorrow, O., Dec. 24 -The Coshocto from and Steel Works have closed, the pro-

d. Venez Lewis, broker, he brokt Building, has been listructed by hts New York louse to "set up" the wine and chars for his exi-tences this evening.

A MODERN BLUEBEARD. Man Who Killed Two Wives and

Had Married Again.

Bad Married Again.

Columns Inc. Dec 21—Twenty years are, Stephen Compbell, a well-to-do farone, matried a damsel manel Methamman and lived happing with her, apparently, for a straight of years, the lost happing with the management of his machenia and was confired a mathematical featurent by her hisband. She partially recovered and returned home, and was confired and married into an excellent family there. In a short time that wife died anddenly and the husband left for parts unknown. A reward, was offered and after eight years warch Campbell was caught in Blackford county living with a third wife. He was taken to the county jail and locked up, charged with poisoning the first two wires. The need father of Campbell passed through this place to day to assist his son.

Weish Miners Untombed.

Lornes, Dec. 24.—A terrible explosion of arred yesterday at the Fermiale Collier ear Pout-y-Pridd, County Glamorgus, Sons near rost-y-Pried, County Glamorgan, Soul, Wales. Four hundred miners are said to have been entombed, and it was feared that all perioded, but last night it was announced that lifty dead bodies had been taken out an lifty men had been resented more or less in the miners believed to be safe. On November 8, 187 art oxplesion in this pit kilded lift men boys, and a sirallar calamity on June 10, 1822 killed sirty more.

roys, and a similar estamity on June 10, 1882, tilled slitty more. A dispatch from Pontry-Pridd, Wates, received this morning, states that searching parties have been working all night, and still sontinue at their task in the hope of recovering the bodies of the unfortunate nineer who as their lives in the Forndaie Pit by the frechme explosion hast evening. Seventy-five bodies have already been recovered and grave fears are entertained that the number killed will reach fully 10, if not more. The states it and around the entrances to the mines are official in the extreme. As each body is identified by some relative or friend the cries and amentations that fill the air are heartrealing. Women, with their children, cluster around the corpse of the bussand and father, wringing their hands and learing their half in their gony of grief.

An Argonaut of '49.

vesterday from paralysis. He was born in yesterday from paralysis. He was hern in 1893. He learned the business of carpentering, after which he went to New York city and was a member of the Volunteer Fire Dapartment of that city. When gold was discovered in California he was one of the first of the 49 poncers who sailed from Now York and crossed the 1sthmus of Pamama. He was engaged in mining, and lived in California for about a dozen years. While there he was appointed a probate judge and land surveyor. He returned to the Atlantic coast by the sea rente and settled in the West Indies, where he was for about two years, and reached his mattive country in April of 1863. Mormon Villalay Confessed.

SALT LANE CITY, Doc. 2t.—In the trial of me Mormon, B. Y. Hampton, for conspiracy o entrap Federal officials, he admitted hiring isreputable women as female detectives. He

disreputable women as female detectives. He sent \$800 to San Francisco for a woman of bad character, but she did not come. He agreed to give a certain woman \$25 for each person she entrapped and made affidavit-against. Frank Armstrong, a county select tono and an officer in the Church, admitted having contributed \$500 for hiring these wo-men and that the scheme was put through by an association of Mormon citizens. Stocks Dull, but Firm. NEW York, Dec. 21.—Money 25g per com Exchange steady, Postel rates, 4855433, Gov

Exchange steady, Posted rates, 48:5540, Governments firm. Currency 6's, 1254 bid; 4's, coupon, 124 bid; 4\forall s, do., 119\forall bid. The stock market opened firm and fractionally higher than the close of yesteeday, bot at the first call a raid on Kansas and Toxus broke the whole list by to 1\forall s per cont. by mid-day, the latter in the stock named. After 1:30 clock, however, there was a sharp bidding up of prices, and they advanced by to 2 per cont. The market is now dull, but firm at a dight reaction from the best figures. A Bloodless Duel. LARDIO, TEX., Dec. 21.—State Senator E. Liberty, Ball and Mayor O. M. Watkins exchanged weral shots on the street here hat evening either of them was injured. Owing to their prominence the affair causes a good deal of excliement, and it is thought there may be further hostilities. The men have been on bad terms for some time. Watkins was on Magradors staff during the war, and is a crip-ple from wounds then received. Half is a Rio Grande frontier pioneer and a man noted for his bravery.

Woman's Infidelity Avenged. Binonanton, N. Y., Dec. 21.—At Floming Ue, Auron Shore, a farmer, aged 62, yester wife has been living with a neighbor named Nowman since October last, while Shaw has been living with a married daughter. Shaw shot his wife in Nowman's house, and then went to the home of his daughter and blew his brains out.

A Murderer's Confession. Cons., Dec. 21.—Wm. Sheehan, convicted on saturday last at the Assize's Court here of the saudray not at the assiste a court here of the murder of his mother, his brother Thomas and his sister. Hannah Sheehan, and sen-tenced to be langed January 20 next, has made a confession, exculpathic his brother-in-law, David Broune, from all participation in the murders.

Marriage of an Editor's Daughter. CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 24.-Wm. H. Davidson a prominent lawyer of this city, was marrin st night to Miss Jennie Halstead, daughte of Murat Halstead, editor of the Commercial Gazette, at the residence of the bride's parents A letter of congratulation was received from George H. Pendleton, United States Minister to Germany, Presents were received from a G. Blaine, Semator Sherman, Geo. W. Childs and others.

A Celebrated Litigant.

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Lowner, Dec 24. "Richard Claude Belt, the sculptor, has been adjudged a bankrupt in an action brought by Sir Neville Abdy to recover 12400 pounds which Mr. Bult burrowed from him on lewelry which proved to be almost worthless. Bult was plaintiff in the celebrated Belt-Lawss case and was at one time a very wealthy man.

A Large"Conscience" Contribution.

ALEANY, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The State Comproller yesterday received a letter post

marked New York, and reading: "The in-riosed belongs to the State." Inclosed with the letter were a \$300 bid and two \$10 bids. This is the largest amount of "conscience money" ever received by the State. Shaler Pleads Not Guilty.

The Thunderer's Scheme of Justice. olved in three months by excluding the lighty six Nationalists from the House of ammons and declaring martial law through-int trelinal.

Natural Gas at Meres, O. CLEANIAND, O., Dec. 21.—Natural iris in real quantity was struck day before yester my at Borea, where drilling has been going in for two years. The well on the Cleveland olling mill property in this city, id which trait filters were expected, has peterni-

The Sentence of a Befaulter.

Senator Sherman Declines to Debate Minimum. C., Dec. 24.—Professor Somme of Yale College accepted the invitation to do

At New York. State of Georgia, from Glas-gow; Lake Huron, from Javerpsol; City of Para, from Assidwall; Maranheuse, from Jam Polynia, from Hamberg, Of the Lizard - Elder, from New York

GENERAL NEWS WIRED.

The Work Begun of Staking the B. & O.'s New Line.

THE PANAMA REVOLT.

The Leader Sentenced to Ten Years' Exile.

A BANKER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

The Monongahela Vatley Miners Do-

Endagern, N.J., Dec. 21.—Chief Engineer skenhell is authority for the statement that the new route of the Baltimore & Onle, from Bound Brook to Elizabethport, is staked out ing the line definitely marked. The road will ench Hahway, at the northeast end of the city.
Effects will be traversed one mile south
if the present Pennsylvania station. At Bayway the new road will be within a back of
the Pennsylvania. The latter road will be
crossed at Educatethapert and within one hand
dred yards of the Long Branch division of the
Reading Railroad.

THE MINERS' STRUGGLE.

A Strong Sentiment for Its Continu-Privations, Pa., Dec. 21 - About 500 interests of the first, second and third pools of the Monoushkin District gathered at Wytle Grove internet Elizabeth, in open mass-marting this morning. The object of the menting was a discussion of the question whether to con-

THE PANAMA REVOLT. Rafael Aizput, the Leader, Sentenced to Exite.

Panana, Dec. 31.—Rafael Alzput, the leader in the recent revolutionary movement in Fanama, has been tried and convicted by a court martial at Bogota, the capital of the court martial at Bogoia, the capital of the Republic, and sentenced to a ten year exile and to be deprived of all political rights. He must also pay the expense of the Court and way for coses and diamages sustained during the flevocation. J. W. Grant, a colored resident of Jamaica, and a foreigner manuel Gustavo Guerra, accompliese of the robol Preston who burned Colon, have been sentenced to serve five and three years imprisonment respectively, the two latter receiving the shorter sentence.

The Billiard Tie Inbroken. Chicago, Dec. 24.—Slosson and Schaffer played bath line billiants at Contral Music Hall last evening. In what was termed the last of the schooluled the games, to decide the last of the scheduled the games, to decide the tournament hold here a few weaks ago. That schaefer won the game excited no particular surprise, and that the series is to be continued on three adults longer excites none. This mattendame in the three games this week has not been large, and there is absolutely no interest among betting or sporting men as to the outcome of the games. People who are fond of billiards enjoy sceing the experts play and are willing to par for their pleasures. So far as can be now confesting the management here is likely to last accordingly beginning. Schaefer's victory last might of course their three games. The hall was about half filled this evening and there was considerable appliance at times.

A Mob of a Moral Tara. Ministerows, Bec. 21.—There was quite an excelling seems at Boomsboro', Washington, County, eight inlies west of here, Tonsday night. For some time past a house in that place belonging to Samuel Coffee, a colored resident of Frederick, has been used as a gathering place for disreputable persons, both black and white, of both sexes. This was a source of great annoyance to the citizens of Bounshord, and Tuesday night about 10 o'clock a body of masked men proceeded to the house which, at the time, was vacant, and, after removing the furniture tore the building down. Previous to this armed building down. Previous to this armed pickets were stationed at all approaches to the building and ordered to fire upon any one attempting to come near Several persons who tried to pass were fired upon and stored, after which the mob was unmolested. A short time are an attempt was made to burn the building down. lack and white, of both sexes. This was

Parameters, N. J., Dec. 24.- Annt Lydn," said to be the oldest woman in New ersey, died Monday night. She is alleged to dersey, died Monday night. She is alleged to have been 110 years orld, and certainly was over 100. She was bern deaf and damb, and, not being able to write, could not tell her history, sixty years age she was a colored slave, so old that people said she was not werth having, and Henry Winters bought beer for \$1. He died and left her to his son, charging in his will that she be caref for and buried decently. The request will be compiled with. She was never known by any other name. Where she was born and where she came from prior to seventy years ago can not be told.

The Bevier Troubles.

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Bevinn, Mo., Doc. 24.— Trouble between the
working and idle miners has again broken out,
but up to the present time there has been no
bloodshed. Tuesday morning, when a freight
train was leaving Bevier, there were diffeon
shots fired in the stockade from a box ear at
some colored men who were loading coal into
ears on top of a pit. No one was hit by the
hallots, and, as the negroes were unarmed, the
firing was not returned. The negroes seemed
but little excited over the sociarrens, but,
and any one been injured, would doubtless
have redalated in a deatly manner. They
say that if the war is to be renesced they
are roudy for it.

A Terrific Encounter. Years of More Chinamen.

San Phasensen, Doc. th. Port Collector leges has addressed a letter to the Treasury

Sudden Beath of a Stanker. New Yorns, Due, 91—Davin P. Clapp, president of this West Chester County National Bank at Poet still, sited in his chair this meeting wide taking to General James W. Husted. He had not been feeling well for some days. He was sixty-live years old and been counsered with the bank for thirty-live years.

Lieuxoros, K., Dos. 21.—The colebrated and my curse, Bairly Bawn, valued at \$25,000 and owned by W. J. Simmons, died here yested with a \$15,000 revealed at the colebrated potent, for and lay better than the college revealed at Sov. York last the own has been stated at Sov. York last the yested at the college agrees, and the windings agrees, and \$15,000 in Early Dawn," the Racer, Polsoned. The Grain Market.

Cane too, Doe 24.-Wheat, which was firm urly, weakened and ranged lower. Trading

in any new deals before the first of the year, tern steady and firm early but symmathize & with wheat. Pork steady: Lard quiet, A Murderer Pleads Guilty.

Cincaso, Dec. St. Charles, allas "Pug"s O'Lesty, who was indicted for marder, ex-tered a rica of guilty.